

DISTRICT II ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes – February 5, 2001

The District II Advisory Board meeting was held at 7 p.m. at the Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9th Street North.

Members Present

David Babich
Michele Chauncey
Charlotte Foster
John Fuller
Alice James
Mary Herrin
Mike Pompeo
Council Member Pisciotte

Members Absent

Tom Byrne
George Laham
Shirley Jefferson

Guests

Andrea Borntrager
Curtis Cummings
Scott Dickmeyer
Jody Haugen
Jack Hull
Mary Pat Hull
Ray Lowen
Don Snyder
Ken Stuerke
Cliff Wathne
Peggy Wathne
Max Weddle

City of Wichita Staff

Officer Clay Germany, WPD
Paul Gunzelman, Public Works
Scott Knebel, MAPD
Officer Patrick Leon, WPD

Council Member Joe Pisciotte called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Mary Herrin (Foster) moved the agenda be approved as submitted. The motion passed (7-0).

Michele Chauncey (Foster) moved the minutes of the January 22, 2001 meeting be approved as submitted. The motion passed (7-0).

No items were submitted for the public agenda, unfinished business agenda, traffic agenda, or the new business agenda.

Planning Agenda

1. ZON2000-00066 & CON2000-00062

Scott Knebel, MAPD, presented this requested zone change from “MF-18” to “GO” associated

with CON2000-62, which is a request for a conditional use to allow a bank or other financial institution. The requested change is located north of East Harry and east of Greenwich Rd.

Council Member Joe Pisciotte asked **Knebel** if there had been any protest calls.

Knebel responded that he had only received one call. Neighboring residents were notified of the proposed zone change and public hearing for the case. Residents near the proposed zone change were given the opportunity to express their concerns with the project at the DAB meeting. No one in the audience requested to be heard.

Michele Chauncey (Pompeo) moved the DAB recommend the request be approved subject to the conditions listed in the **MAPD** staff report. The motion passed (7-0).

Action taken: Recommended approval of the request subject to the conditions listed in the MAPD staff report.

BOARD AGENDA

2. Zimmerly Area Comprehensive Plan

The District II Advisory Board appointed a subcommittee to work with representatives of the neighborhood near the Zimmerly and Dalton traffic gate. The subcommittee was charged with reaching consensus on a plan that would address traffic concerns in the area. After a series of three meetings the group reached consensus on a plan which would utilize strategically placed traffic islands and stop signs to slow traffic.

The comprehensive plan leaves the gate in its current open position. The plan is a compromise that attempts to ameliorate some of the issues caused by the traffic that results from the gate being down. The plan allows continued access through the area where the gate formerly stood.

The specific elements of the plan are:

- Improved signage
 - Stop sign at Zimmerly and Linden
 - Stop signs on Zimmerly at Rosalie
 - Signs posted prohibiting large vehicular traffic
- Emplace traffic islands at the following intersections:
 - Burrus & Linden
 - Burrus & Breckenridge (North)
 - Burrus & Breckenridge (South)
- Work to have speed limits enforced
 - Increased police patrol

- Regular use of the “speed trailer” throughout neighborhood
 - Explore increasing fines for speeding within neighborhood
 - Install additional signs showing speed limit
- Enforce oversize vehicle ordinances – community will work with owners of those vehicles to seek satisfactory accommodation
 - Remove former gate posts
 - Review school bus routes and stops
 - Have traffic count & speeding baseline established and review after six months

Ken Stuerke was a member of the neighborhood subcommittee and requested to be heard concerning the comprehensive plan. **Stuerke** stated that although he worked with the DAB he couldn’t support the plan. Mr. Stuerke expressed concern with the process used to select the working group, the need for an independent traffic consultant, and the notification of the residents living in Quail Meadows Apartments. **Stuerke** went on to state residents of the area don’t feel there are any safety issues and nothing needs to be done to address safety concerns.

Council Member Pisciotte thanked Mr. Stuerke for his comments and commended him for the effort he’s given to this long standing issue. **Pisciotte** also thanked the other members of the neighborhood subcommittee for their hard work and contributions to the process.

Council Member Pisciotte stated the District Advisory Board may have broken new ground by developing a process which encourages the DAB to partner with concerned citizens in order to resolve neighborhood disputes. The partnership resulted in consensus being reached on a comprehensive plan which benefits everyone affected. **Pisciotte** commented the process was an exercise in civility between neighbors, and hopes that this may serve as a model to resolve future neighborhood disputes. **Pisciotte** expressed gratitude to the DAB members that facilitated this process. **David Babich, Michele Chauncey, and Mike Pompeo** were the board members charged with resolving this issue.

Mary Herrin (Foster) moved the neighborhood plan be approved as submitted. The motion passed (7-0).

Action taken: Approved the comprehensive plan as submitted.

3. **Council Compensation Charter Ordinance**

The District II Advisory Board took under consideration a proposal for a Charter Ordinance that would establish new terms of compensation for City Council Members and the Mayor. The item was referred to the DAB by the City Council for public input.

Council Member Pisciotte removed himself from chairing the meeting. 1st Chair Pro Tem **Michele Chauncey** assumed the chair and facilitated the discussion.

The DAB allowed public comment and several questions/issues were raised. Among these questions/issues were the structure of our current form of government, the apparent changing roles of the Mayor, and the County Commission compensation plan.

Several suggestions for Council Compensation were also submitted. Among these suggestions was the need to better inform citizens of the duties of our Council Members and Mayor, increase the compensation in increments over 3-5 years.

John Fuller (Babich) moved the Council Compensation Charter Ordinance be approved as submitted. The motion passed (6-1) (**Herrin**).

Action taken: Approved the Charter Ordinance as submitted.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Donte Martin
Neighborhood Assistant
District II